

***Tax relief helps private sector spur job growth and will not add to the deficit***

Washington, DC – Congressman John Adler released the following statement after President Obama signed the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act. Earlier in March, Congressman Adler lauded the bill's passage in the House as a common sense, fiscally responsible way to put people back to work.

"Congress should be focusing on curbing wasteful government spending and putting our economy back on track," said Congressman Adler. "The fiscally responsible legislation signed into law today will help create private sector jobs without adding to the deficit. This bill will help South Jersey and shore area small businesses get back to driving economic growth and putting Americans back to work."

The bill offers small business tax relief to incentivize job-creation and continues federal investments in local transportation projects. Key provisions in the bill include:

- **Business Tax Relief Provisions:** The bill will provide employers with incentives to hire and retain new employees, by exempting them from paying the employer share of Social Security employment taxes for wages paid in 2010 for any new employee. To encourage employers to retain these new employees, the bill would provide employers with a \$1,000 income tax credit for every new employee that they continue to employ for 52 weeks.
- **Extension of Recovery Package Provisions for Small Business:** In the Recovery Act, Congress temporarily increased the amount that small businesses could write-off for capital expenditures incurred in 2009 to \$250,000 and increased the phase-out threshold for 2009 to \$800,000. The bill would extend these temporary increases for capital expenditures incurred in 2010.
- **Investments and Extensions in Surface Transportation Projects.** The bill will extend federal investments in surface transportation projects that will create and save good-paying jobs in our communities under SAFETEA-LU.

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act is fully compliant with pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) laws and will not increase the deficit. Congressman Adler opposed an earlier version of the bill that was significantly more expensive, and used repaid bank bailout funds to offset

costs. Congressman Adler has consistently called for all repaid or unused TARP funds to go directly to paying down our deficit.